

**CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST as of February 26, 2016**

Date	Request By	Request	Description	Status	Staff Contact	Action
2/16/2016	Aldama	Request for staff to research additional signage placement along Grand Avenue	CM Aldama would like staff to research additional signage placement to indicate welcome to downtown Glendale, welcome to Catlin Court, etc. along the northern and southern direction of Grand Avenue and when driving east/west. CM Aldama stated there should be additional signage to encourage traffic to visit downtown businesses.	Pending	Jack Friedline	Pending staff action
2/16/2016	Hugh	Request for staff to research new signage placement for parking in downtown Glendale	VM Hugh would like staff to research changing the two hour parking signs to Welcome to Glendale - free parking, or similar signage in the downtown Glendale area.	Pending	Jack Friedline	Pending staff action
1/19/2016	Hugh	Request for staff to research Westgate lake/fountain costs	VM Hugh would like staff to research and bring back to a future workshop, how much it cost the city to construct the lake/fountain on Glendale Avenue that was deeded over to Westgate, what the city received in return for deeding the lake/fountain to Westgate and whether art money was used for construction.	Pending	Jennifer Campbell	A memorandum response is being drafted for management review and should be finalized shortly.
1/19/2016	Malnar	Request for an overview on the roles and responsibilities of the members of Boards and Commissions	CM Malnar would like staff to research what the roles and responsibilities are for current Boards and Commissions members and whether the City Charter and current statute ordinances apply.	Pending	Michael Bailey	Pending staff action.
1/19/2016	Aldama	Request for staff to draft a beautification plan	CM Aldama would like staff to present a beautification plan for the downtown and Catlin Court areas that would include planters on sidewalks with a wildflower mix. CM Aldama would also like staff to research whether the gas lamp light poles could be repainted the same green color that was used several years ago. CM Aldama would also like the downtown and Catlin Court areas to be on a regular maintenance schedule to keep the areas clean especially after special events. CM Aldama is also requesting the clock be painted that is located at 58th Avenue and Glendale Avenue on the NW corner.	Pending	Jon Froke and Jean Moreno	Cross-departmental project team has been assembled and task list has been developed; research is currently underway.
1/19/2016	Tolmachoff	Request for staff to research Boards and Commissions rules and procedures	CM Tolmachoff would like staff to research if there is a reason in the Charter, Code or Guidelines why a commissioner cannot serve on two Boards and Commissions and are we currently following the rules? Is there any rule to prevent someone from serving more than 2 two-year terms?	Pending	Michael Bailey	Pending staff action.

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1/5/2016	Chavira	Request for staff to research improving road access adjacent to Westgate	CM Chavira would like staff to research how to connect a small segment at 95th Avenue just north of Bethany Home Road at the halfway point south of Camelback Road so that access would be available from Camelback Road to Northern Avenue. This would alleviate traffic during large-scale events.	Pending	Jack Friedline	A memorandum response has been drafted for management review and should be finalized shortly.
1/5/2016	Tolmachoff	Request for staff to research costs	CM Tolmachoff would like staff to come up with a dollar amount that the Glendale taxpayers have invested to ensure the success of the Coyotes. What is the total investment and commitment from the taxpayers, the offset in revenues including arena management?	Pending	Tom Duensing	Pending staff action.
9/15/2015 and 01/05/2016	Aldama	Request to develop a broader plan on vacant properties	During the September 15, 2015 workshop, CM Aldama requested city staff develop a broader plan to address the condition of vacant properties citywide. During the January 5, 2016 workshop, CM Aldama asked staff to bring back information on how to create a specific plan to address the vacant property issue, citywide and more specifically in the Ocotillo District, that is causing blight.	Scheduled for March 15th Workshop	Sam McAllen	Scheduled for December 1st workshop. Council direction was received to bring this item back to a future workshop and provide additional information on staffing, establishing a volunteer program and other options. Staff will be presenting information on this topic at the City Council's March 15th Workshop meeting.
9/15/2015	Hugh	Request to develop a plan to make better use of the Civic Center	VM Hugh is requesting city staff take a new look at the Civic Center to get more use of the facility to benefit the city and citizens. VM Hugh would like staff to come back with a proposal that could include a reduction of fees to be more competitive with other facilities.	Pending	Erik Strunk	Staff is in process of hiring an industry consultant to assess the current business model of the Civic Center and all related policies and fees. It is anticipated that staff will return to the Council within six months with the results of the assessment and recommendations.

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5/19/2015	Hugh	Request to revisit two hour parking	VM Hugh would like staff to revisit the two hour parking ordinance.	Pending	Jack Friedline	Staff met with VM Hugh to discuss the two hour parking issue. Staff will do follow-up work and schedule a work session item to gain direction from City Council. Staff is in the process of completing follow up work. A memorandum response has been drafted for management review and should be finalized shortly.
9/1/2015	Aldama	Request to create a new commission.	CM Aldama is requesting the city develop a diversity commission (commission on diversity).	Pending additional future workshop	Jim Brown	Scheduled for November 17th workshop. Council provided direction to move forward on a commission on Diversity and Human Relations. Human Resources staff will bring back an outline of what that the commission will be responsible for, commission structure, etc. Scheduled for February 2nd workshop. Council consensus was received to bring this CIOSI item back to a future workshop to present a sample draft ordinance, additional information regarding the number of persons on the commission and where the persons should originate.

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3/17/2015	Turner	Request for review of the Westgate media center for library services	This is follow-up to a request made by Councilmember Turner at the March 17, 2015 Council workshop requesting staff analysis as to the feasibility of using a portion of the City of the Glendale Media Center (located at 9494 West Maryland Avenue) for a possible western area branch library. The purpose of this item will be to provide an initial overview of this concept and receive further direction from the City Council.	Pending FY 16-17 city budget process discussion	Erik Strunk	Presented at October 20th Workshop. Council directed staff to further analyze and develop conceptual (visual) depictions of the following two possible options: a) possible use of the media center; b) possible use of prefabricated/modular buildings at Heroes Regional Park. Staff will work on this and prepare this information as part of the upcoming FY 16-17 city budget process.
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1/19/2016	Turner	Request for staff to begin the recruitment for a new City Clerk	CM Turner stated the current City Clerk has notified Council of her intent to retire and he would like staff to begin the process to hire a new City Clerk. CM Turner would like Human Resources to present to Council to discuss whether this could be handled internally.	Completed	Jim Brown	This CIOSI item was discussed at the February 16th Workshop. Council consensus was received to proceed with the Human Resources Department to begin the recruitment process.
12/15/2015	Malnar	Request to review and change policy for property tax	CM Malnar would like staff to review and determine the impact to change the Council policy of implementing the maximum increase allowable for property tax, and bring this request back to a future workshop.	Completed	Tom Duensing	This CIOSI item was discussed at the February 16th Budget Workshop. Property tax recommendations will be included in the recommended budget.
1/19/2016	Tolmachoff	Request for power wash, window cleaning and exterior paint at city hall	CM Tolmachoff requested that city hall surrounding areas (concourse areas), be power washed, the windows cleaned and the exterior painted. CM Tolmachoff would like staff to include these items in the budget process over the next few years.	Completed	Jack Friedline	Email memorandum sent to Council on February 17, 2016.

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10/20/2015	Tolmachoff	Request to correct language in Zoning Text Amendment	CM Tolmachoff would like staff to research how to correct the language in the Zoning Text Amendment regarding billboards that was approved by Council on June 26, 2012 so that the language would work the way it was intended to.	Completed	Sam McAllen and Jon Froke	<p>This topic will be addressed through the Loop 101 Scenic Corridor which is scheduled for consideration by the Planning Commission on February 4, 2016.</p> <p>The Scenic Corridor will consist of a general plan amendment and a zoning text amendment. This topic will be addressed through the Loop 101 Scenic Corridor which will consist of a general plan amendment and a zoning text amendment. On February 4, 2016, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval. The Scenic Corridor was scheduled for the City Council voting meeting on February 23, 2016 and was approved by Council.</p>